

San Diego County Crime Stoppers

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## **Financial Crimes Suspect Sought**

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers is joining forces with the San Diego County Sheriffs Department to help identify and apprehend the suspect responsible for a check fraud scam in San Marcos.

Investigators said a female suspect responded to a room-for-rent ad in the city of San Marcos. The suspect wanted to put a \$200 deposit down to rent the room. The suspect already possessed an \$800 "paycheck" written from another person's account with the "payable to" area blank. The suspect said she did not have a bank account and could not cash the check. The homeowner deposited the check into their account and gave the suspect back \$600 in change. The bank returned the \$800 check and the suspect was not heard from again.

Investigators believe this suspect may be linked to four other similar scams in the city of San Diego.

Three photos of the suspect can be found on page two of this news release.

Suspect description:

• White or Hispanic female, mid 30s, about 5'2", heavy build, short dark hair and dark eyes.

Detectives are asking anyone with information on the identity of this suspect to call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via <a href="https://www.sdcrimestoppers.com">www.sdcrimestoppers.com</a>.

Media inquiries should be directed to Mónica Muñoz at (619) 531-2675. Questions about Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-8477.







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